

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-12. (Canceled).

13. (New) A digital recording/playback apparatus comprising:

data storage means for storing stream data having a data format including a plurality of different-type data blocks in a single file;

means for playing back the stream data read from the data storage means; and

playback control means for setting a read start position of the stream data at a leading frame position of a first-type data block as a main and at a leading frame position of a second-type data block as a sub when the means for playing back plays back the stream data from the data storage means,

wherein the playback control means, when the read start position is set at the leading frame position of the second-type data block as the sub, refers to time stamp information recorded in the first-type data block as the main, determines the second-type data block having the smallest time difference from a time indicated by the referred time stamp information, and further comprises a buffer memory for storing the stream data corresponding to a first data block and a second data block read from the data storage means and an information table storing buffer addresses and time stamp information corresponding to the first data block and the second data block stored in the buffer memory.

14. (New) An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the setting by the playback control means is executed after performing a pause, a fast forward, or a rewind.

15. (New) An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the plurality of different-type data blocks include audio data and video data.